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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HOHENSEE ET AL.

Examiner

Charles A. Bieneman

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9-12,14 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,9-12,14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the following communication: Amendment filed on July 10, 2003.
2. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, and 14-15 are pending. Claims 1, 6, and 11 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. **Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, and 14-15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,336,124 B1 to Alam et al., issued January 1, 2002, filed July 7, 1999 in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,813,020 to Hohensee et al., issued September 22, 1998, U.S. Patent Number 5,767,833 to Vanderwiele et al., issued June 16, 1998, and U.S Patent Number 6,590,674 B1 to Orton, issued July 8, 2003, filed September 23, 1999..

Regarding **independent claims 1, 6, and 11**, Alam et al. teach a data processing system having a CPU, memory, at least one user output device, and a user input device. (Alam et al., Fig. 2.)

Further, Alam et al. teach a method for retrieving and presenting stored documents on a plurality of output devices each requiring different presentation parameters. (Alam et al., Abstract.)

Further, Alam et al. teach parsing a document into one or more objects. (Alam et al., col. 6, lines 16-18: "Text/image document 518 is output to a document converter 528 which converts

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text and/or image document 518 to an intermediate format document 530.”; col. 6, lines 59-61:

“Each group is stored in the intermediate format document as an intermediate format block.”)

Further, Alam et al. teach storing intermediate format blocks, analogous to units, according to their processing requirements. (Alam et al., col. 6, line 59 – col. 7, line 1.)

Further, Alam et al. inherently teach classifying a plurality of presentation devices inasmuch as they teach that devices can access an index document that will allow them to select an output format suitable for the device (Alam et al., col. 21, lines 54-57); such a selection would not be possible unless devices were classified.

Further, Alam et al. teach receiving a request from a presentation device. (Alam et al., col. 22, lines 34-35.)

Further, Alam et al. teach assembling a document from stored intermediate format blocks, analogous to stored units. (Alam et al., col. 20, lines 25-29.)

Further, Alam et al. teach sending the assembled document to the presentation device. (Alam et al., col. 20, lines 49-51.)

Further, Alam et al. do not teach parsing each object into one or more units. However, Hohensee et al. teach parsing an object into one or more units when the object is a page segment. (Hohensee et al., Fig. 3.) Moreover, one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized the need to parse an object into one or more units because one of ordinary skill would have known that objects such as pages are frequently comprised one or more units. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to parse each object into one or more units.

Further, Alam et al. does not teach storing units, requiring less processing to convert to device-dependent format, in device-independent format or storing units, requiring more

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processing to convert to device-dependent format, in device-dependent format based on the classified plurality of presentation devices. However, Vanderwiele et al. teach a system that “determines whether [an] image is targeted for multiple hardware formats or a single hardware format and then provides a conversion from device independent bits to device dependent bits formats in the case of the multiple hardware format targeting, or performing image conversion appropriate for the single device in the case of the single device targeting.” (Vanderwiele et al., Abstract.) In addition, Orton teaches storing document units in a universal, viewer-independent format so that files may be viewed in a multitude of applications. (Orton, col. 2, lines 33-46.) Moreover, one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized the benefit of storing units in device independent format requiring less process where possible, since one of ordinary skill would have recognized that less processing is desirable. One of ordinary skill in the art would also have recognized the desirability of storing units in device-dependent format requiring more processing when the target device was known to be a particular class of device, since this would deliver data to the device more quickly. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have implemented the steps of storing units, requiring less processing to convert to device-dependent format, in device-independent format or storing units, requiring more processing to convert to device-dependent format, in device-dependent format.

Regarding **dependent claims 2, 7, and 12**, Alam et al. teach determining a type of each unit inasmuch as determining a type of intermediate format block, analogous to units, is inherent in Alam et al.’s teaching of keeping track of and storing different kinds of intermediate format blocks, such as text, images, and multimedia files. (Alam et al., col. 6, line 57 – col. 7, line 1.)

Regarding **dependent claims 4, 9, and 14**, Alam et al. teach determining acceptable document formats for the connected presentation devices inasmuch as such a determination would have been inherent in sending an output format “depending upon the requesting application or output display device” (Alam et al., col. 20, lines 59-60), as well as the execution of JavaScript to select a suitable output format for the device (Alam et al., col. 21, lines 54-57); *i.e.*, before a selection of a suitable output format could be made, it would have been necessary to determine what formats were acceptable.

Further, Alam et al. do not explicitly teach classifying devices according to device-dependent characteristics. However, one of ordinary skill in the art would have known that it was most efficient to classify devices according to device-dependent characteristics because one of ordinary skill would have recognized that classifying devices according to device-dependent characteristics would have resulted in the minimum number of classifications possible, and that devices with different characteristics could be classified together as long as the different characteristics were not device-dependent. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to classify devices according to device-dependent characteristics.

Regarding **dependent claims 5, 10, and 15**, Alam et al. do not teach determining whether the peripheral device is known or unknown. However, inasmuch as Alam et al. teach sending an output format “depending upon the requesting application or output display device” (Alam et al., col. 20, lines 59-60), one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that it would have been necessary to determine whether the peripheral device was known or unknown before selecting an output to be sent to it, because one of ordinary skill would have seen that it would not have been possible to send device-dependent output to an unknown device.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the recited claim limitation.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-12, and 14-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. However, applicant's argument that Alam et al. do not teach "storing said units according to processing requirements of each said unit" (Remarks filed July 10, 2003, page 10) will be addressed because the present Office action maintains that Alam et al. do in fact teach this claim element.

Applicant argues (Remarks, page 10) that "nothing in [Alam et al.] suggests that the particular intermediate format groups require more or less processing than other separately-identified groups." However, it is not clear from the language of the claim limitation that the phrase "processing requirements" is limited to the amount of processing a unit requires. Moreover, Alam et al. teach that intermediate format groups retain characteristics of the file being formatted. Inherent in retaining images or animation (see Alam et al., col. 6, lines 63-67) would be processing according to the requirements that those different kinds of files have.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles A. Bieneman whose telephone number is 703-305-8045. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H. Feild can be reached on 703-305-9792. The fax phone numbers for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4700.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER